

Council of Mainz

Condemned Predestination, the
determination beforehand of man's actions.
He said that God is selector,
that he pre-determines the eternal
states of the soul of some individuals
was an early heresy of the church
which was condemned by the
Council of Mainz in 848 - for a
wide sense predestination may

be taken as the divine Providence of God whereby He rules the world knowing by His infallible prescience the events of the future even as they will occur in time. In its strict sense, it means God's supernatural Providence and His promotion through grace of the eternal education of all rational creatures. It is thus that predestination means both the glory intended by God for all men and the means He has guaranteed for attaining that glory.